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DCI/IC 73-1414
21 December 1973

MEMORANDUM FOR: [REDACTED]

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SUBJECT : COINS Training Program

1. Attached is a memorandum from [REDACTED] CIA COINS Sub-System Manager, reporting on his contacts with [REDACTED] in connection with establishing a COINS training program.

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2. I have reported to you that I believe the establishment of a new COINS training program to be a matter that should be considered at the DCI/IC - ASD(I) level, rather than being entered into by arrangements made by the COINS Project Manager. While I have not made a detailed examination and comparison of the two apparent alternatives (i.e., NSA and CIA), I am influenced by these considerations:

a. This could be useful in reporting to PFIAB, and we should not lose that possibility for the DCI to influence the concept and plan for such training.

b. The choice between NSA and CIA could involve policy considerations beyond the purview of [REDACTED]

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c. The Information Science Center in CIA/OTR initially came into being as a result of PFIAB urging and it was established by the DCI as a community facility. It was to serve exactly this kind of need. It would be a questionable judgment, and not one for the COINS Project Manager to make alone, to undercut this facility.

d. I believe that the potential trainee population is largely in the Washington area. For logistics and transportation reasons, if no other, at a time when getting around by vehicle is difficult, the more central CIA/OTR location would seem preferable.

3. My recommendation is that either you or I contact [REDACTED] or [REDACTED] and request that [REDACTED] be instructed to send a staff study on this problem to the ASD(I) office, for further action at that level in conjunction with DCI/IC Staff. Please provide guidance.

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Attachment (3 pages)

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cc: [REDACTED] COINS Sub-System Mgr

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